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PRELIMINARY: U.S. IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF STEEL PRODUCTS, April 2020

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May 27, 2020 — The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary April steel imports were \$1.8 billion (2.5 million metric tons) compared to the preliminary March totals of \$1.5 billion (1.6 million metric tons).

The April change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected increases in blooms, billets, and slabs. Decreases occurred in oil country goods; galvanized hot dipped sheets and strips; and mechanical tubing. Increases occurred primarily with Brazil. Decreases occurred primarily with Canada, Korea, and Austria.

The year to date final statistics through March 2020 showed steel imports of 5.8 million metric tons compared with 7.4 million metric tons through March 2019. The largest commodity decrease occurred primarily in oil country goods. Increases occurred primarily in mechanical tubing, tin free steel, and light shaped bars. The largest country decrease occurred with Russia. Increases occurred primarily with Canada.

The May report is scheduled for release on June 23, 2020. View the full schedule at: <www.census.gov/foreign-trade/reference/release_schedule.html> The full text and tables for this release can be found at <www.census.gov/foreign-trade/Press-Release/steel_index.html>.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The data in this report are preliminary and subject to revisions. Analysis of recent months for steel product imports indicates the value of preliminary data should equal about 96 percent of the final value reported in the regular monthly trade statistics report. Preliminary data reported for individual steel categories and at the individual country of origin level have been less consistently predictive of the final data reported in the regular monthly trade statistics. For further details, visit our web site at <www.census.gov/trade>. On the website, you can access product by country and country by product tables.

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